



MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] 25X1
Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff 25X1

FROM: [redacted] 25X1
Director, Planning and Policy Office

SUBJECT: National Foreign Intelligence Strategy [redacted] 25X1

1. This memo follows up our earlier discussions on the Strategy revision that we have just begun. The Planning Working Group (PWG) that I chair will serve as the Community's forum during preparation of the Strategy. The PWG met this week to discuss terms of reference and schedule its work; it will meet again on 31 August. At that meeting I would like the IPC staff to present two short briefings (15-20 minutes each). [redacted] 25X1

2. The first briefing should address dynamic changes in the National Intelligence Topics (NITs) over the last three to five years. What we are looking for are patterns of change--which topics have been deemphasized, which have risen to the fore, and which enjoy continuing prominence. You should be selective rather than exhaustive in organizing the material--our main interest is in the topics that you judge to be the really important ones. [redacted]

3. The second briefing should take a similar look at the COFIR. We realize that the COFIR process differs markedly from the NITs and does not have an annual update history. Something may be learned, however, from a review of the weights assigned to key areas as the COFIR has evolved. In any event, as the COFIR is the putative future requirements statement for the Community, we believe there is value in examining it. If your analysis suggests there has been little dynamic change in its major areas, please give us an account of what those areas are. Again, your approach should be selective. Please limit your discussion to the 10-15 substantive areas you believe to be of most interest and importance to the Community. If you find that any correlation exists in your analysis of the COFIR and the NITs, we would of course like to hear that as well--a simple matrix may suffice. We ask that you leave behind copies of any viewgraphs and notes that you use. [redacted] 25X1

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4. In addition to the briefings for the 31st, I also ask that you provide, by 6 September, a short paper setting out the IPC's view of major requirements and concerns that the Community will have to deal with in the future (with emphasis on the Strategy's five to ten year field of view). Both substantive topics and infrastructure issues may be included, but the list of issues should be short (10-12 at most). Each topic should be accompanied by two or three sentences (no more than a short paragraph) explaining the driving force behind it or the rationale for choosing it. [REDACTED]

5. Your assistance is appreciated as we work to meet a tight schedule. If you have any questions please call me at [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED] (IPC Staff)

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